

REMARKS


In the Office Action mailed August 29, 2005, claims 1 to 23 were allowed and the restriction requirement regarding claims 17 to 23 was made FINAL. Thus, claims 17 to 23 are *cancelled*, subject to the filing of a divisional application, placing this application in condition for allowance.

Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of this application, including claims 1 to 16.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

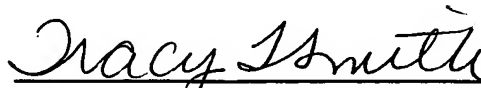
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